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SUBJECT: JORDANIAN BORDER CONTROL WITH IRAQ

REF: STATE 213480

Classified By: PolCouns Doug Silliman for reasons 1.5 (B) and (D)

[1](#)1. (U) This is an action request. See para 4.

[1](#)2. (S) PolCouns July 28 covered with Samer Dabbas, Iraq action officer in FonMin Muasher's Private Office, ref points requesting that the GOJ tighten its border controls with Iraq. Dabbas said that he believed considerable GOJ resources had already been devoted to border control with Iraq, but that many of them might be concentrated around the Karama-Trebil crossing point. He asked that the U.S. provide Jordan with specific USG concerns about smuggling and illegal transit across the Jordan-Iraq border so the GOJ can understand the problem the U.S. sees and move to counter it effectively.

[1](#)3. (S) The A/DATT separately raised ref points with the senior leadership of the Jordan Armed Forces (JAF), asking for increased JAF coverage on the border with Iraq.

[1](#)4. (S) COMMENT AND ACTION REQUEST: USG cooperation with the GOJ on border security is very close. We would appreciate any details available of the smuggling and illegal transit activity that the USG believes is occurring through Jordan so we can pinpoint for the GOJ how it can counter such activities.

[1](#)5. (U) CPA Baghdad minimize considered.  
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